

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Title

The title has been objected to as not being descriptive. In response, a new title, which is more clearly indicative of the claimed invention, is presented herein for the Examiner's consideration and approval.

Specification

The specification has been amended to place it in better form. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Claims Status

Claims 1 through 12 are now pending in the application. Claims 1 through 3, 5, 9, and 10 have been amended to even more succinctly define the invention and/or to improve their form. Claims 11 and 12 have been added to accord Applicants an additional scope of protection commensurate with the disclosure. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added. Claim 1 is the only independent claim pending in the application.

Allowable Subject Matter

It is acknowledged with appreciation that Claims 1 through 10 are allowed over the art of record.

Claim Objection

Claims 1 through 10 are objected to because of the minor informalities noted by the Examiner. In response, Claim 1 has been amended *inter alia* to overcome the objection. It is respectfully submitted that the objection has been overcome.

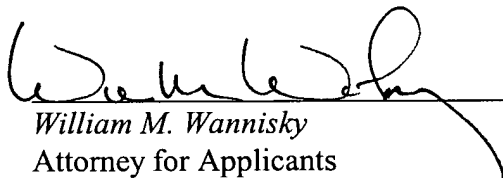
Closing Comments

No art rejections have been lodged against the claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims on file are allowable over the art of record and that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application are earnestly solicited.

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